

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

PIF Resource Information Sheet

This information sheet is designed to provide the Virginia Department of Historic Resources with the necessary data to be able to evaluate the significance of the property for possible listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. This is not a formal nomination, but a necessary step in determining whether or not the property could be considered eligible for listing. Please take the time to fill in as many fields as possible. A greater number of completed fields will result in a more timely and accurate assessment. Staff assistance is available to answer any questions you have in regards to this form.

General Property Information	For Staff Use Only DHR ID #: 115-5129
Property Name(s): <u>Newtown Cemetery</u>	
Property Date(s): <u>1868</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Circa <input type="checkbox"/> Pre <input type="checkbox"/> Post Open to Public? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Property Address: <u>Intersection of Kelley, Sterling, & Hill Streets</u> City: <u>Harrisonburg</u> Zip: <u>22802</u>	
County or Ind. City: <u>Harrisonburg</u> USGS Quad(s): <u>Harrisonburg</u>	

Physical Character of General Surroundings
Acreage: <u>Appx. 3.9</u> Setting (choose one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Corridor
Site Description Notes/Notable Landscape Features: <u>Graves markers of the historical figures Miss Lucy F. Simms, Ms. Roberta Webb, Mr. John Cooper, Mr. Ambrose Dallard</u>
Secondary Resource Description (Briefly describe any other structures (or archaeological sites) that may contribute to the significance of the property : <u>Newtown Signage</u>
Ownership Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/> Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal

Individual Resource Information
What was the historical use of this resource? Examples include: Dwelling, Grist Mill, Bridge, Store, Tobacco Barn, etc...
Burial ground of historical figures <u>Cemetery</u>
What is the current use? (if other than the historical use) _____
Architectural style or elements of styles: <u>n/a</u>
Architect, builder, or original owner: <u>n/a</u>
of stories <u>n/a</u> Condition: <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuilt <input type="checkbox"/> Renovated
Are there any known threats to this property? <u>no</u>

Resource Component Information

Please answer the following questions regarding the individual components of the resource. If the component does not exist, answer "n/a." If you feel uncomfortable in answering the question, please leave the space blank. Photographs of the features can also help our staff identify specific feature components. Usually, priority is given to describing features on the primary (front) facade of the structure.

Foundation: Describe the foundation that supports the structure. Examples include piers, continuous brick, poured concrete.
n/a

Structure: Describe the primary structural component of the resource. Include primary material used. Examples include log, frame (sawn lumber), and brick. Also include the treatment, such as a particular brick bond or type of framing, if known.
n/a

Walls: Describe the exterior wall covering such as beaded weatherboard or asbestos shingles.
n/a

Windows: Describe the number, material, and form of the primary windows. This includes the number of panes per sash, what the sashes are made of, and how the sashes operate (are they hinged or do they slide vertically) Have the windows been replaced?
n/a

Porch: Briefly describe the primary (front) porch. List the primary material, shape of the porch roof, and other defining details.
n/a

Roof: Describe the roof, listing the shape and the covering material.
n/a

Chimney(s): List the number of chimneys and the materials used. Include the brick bond pattern if possible.
n/a

Architectural Description of Individual Resource: *(Please describe architectural patterns, types, features, additions, remodelings, or other alterations. A sketch of the current floor plan would be appreciated.)*

n/a

Significance Statement: Briefly note any significant events, personages, and/or families associated with the property. (Detailed family genealogies are not necessary.) Please list all sources of information. It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or genealogies to this form. Normally, only information contained on this form will be posted for consideration by the State Review Board.

Newtown Cemetery was purchased in 1868 for the burial of local African Americans. This is the only black cemetery in Harrisonburg, VA. It is located in the historic 'Newtown' section of town that was the early settlement of freed slaves, now known as the Northeast Neighborhood.

There are over 600 graves here, including Miss Lucy F. Simms, former slave and beloved school teacher who dedicated 55 years of her life to teaching. Mr. Eldon W. Rhodes, the first black to serve on the Harrisonburg City Council and the Harrisonburg School Board. Miss Malinda Rice, mistress of General John R. Jones. Miss Roberta Webb, Mr. Ambrose Dallard, Mr. Reuben Dallard and others of the Dallard Family that were slaves on the 'Riverbank' Plantation in Elkton VA.

Legal Owner(s) of the Property (For more than one owner, please use a separate sheet.)Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Dr. ☐Miss ☐ Ms. ☐ Hon. ☐ Newtown Cemetery Trustees361 East Wolfe Street

(Address)

Harrisonburg

(City)

VA

(State)

22802

(Zip Code)

n/a

(Email Address)

540-564-2577

(Daytime telephone including area code)

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

•• Signature required for processing all applications. ••

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person: Emmitt Lee

Daytime Telephone: (540) 564-2577

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Dr. ☐Miss ☐ Ms. ☒ Hon. ☐Karen Thomas

(Name)

Northeast Neighborhood
Association, Inc.

(Firm)

P.O. Box 1026

(Address)

Harrisonburg

(City)

VA

(State)

22803

(Zip Code)

taya_va@yahoo.com

(Email Address)

540-421-5135

(Daytime telephone including area code)

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: August 15, 2013**Notification**

In some circumstances, it may be necessary for DHR to confer with or notify local officials of proposed listings of properties within their jurisdiction. In the following space, please provide the contact information for the local County Administrator or City Manager.

Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Dr. ☐Miss ☐ Ms. ☐ Hon. ☐Kurt Hodgen

(Name)

City Manager

(Position)

Harrisonburg City

(Locality)

345 South Main Street

(Address)

Harrisonburg

(City)

VA

(State)

22801

(Zip Code)

540-432-7701

(Daytime telephone including area code)

Please use the following space to explain why you are seeking an evaluation of this property.

Because of its historical significance.Would you be interested in the State and/or the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits? Yes ☒ No ☐Would you be interested in the easement program? Yes ☐ No ☐ [Not sure what the easement program is.]